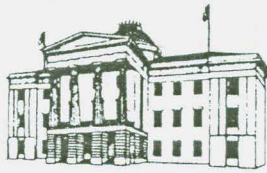


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## EYE CARE AND VISION HEALTH MONTH

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, taking care of our eyesight is an essential part of an overall healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, healthy vision begins from the start with evaluations as early as infancy; and

WHEREAS, according to Prevent Blindness America, eye problems in children can lead to permanent vision loss and learning difficulties if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, according to Prevent Blindness America, most eye problems in children can be corrected if detected and treated early; and

WHEREAS, regular eye evaluations by an eye care professional throughout life, along with healthy habits including avoiding smoking, eating healthy, staying active, controlling blood pressure, and protecting our eyes from the sun, are vital to healthy vision and to reducing the risk of age-related eye disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the North Carolina Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons, Opticians Association of America, EyeCare America and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting awareness about eye care and vision health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2011, as **"EYE CARE AND VISION HEALTH MONTH"** in North Carolina and urge our citizens to commend its observance.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.